Scheme of NSDF does not specify sports/games for which financial assistance from the Fund could be given. However, as per provisions of the Scheme, the National Sports Federations, State Sports Associations, State Sports Council, non-Government Organizations with a known record of promotion of sports and registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 (21 of 1860) or registered as public trust, functioning, at least for three years or individual sports persons of outstanding talent are eligible for financial assistance from the fund for creation/maintenance of infrastructure, equipment, coaching/ training, study/research, publications, periodicals and documentation, conference/meeting or seminar, consultancy service, loans, travel subsidy etc.

Non-participation of Manipur Olympic Association in National Games

2666. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received intimation from Manipur Olympic Association not to participate in the ensuing national games in Punjab in connection with Naga ceasefire;

(b) whether Government have received the information of returning the prestigious awards given to sportsmen of Manipur in connection with Naga ceasefire; and

(c) the measures taken in this connection by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Stadia in Parliamentary Constituencies

†2267. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to build a stadium in each

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Parliamentary constituency, to promote sports in the whole country; and

(b) if so, the details of the constituencies to which funds have been provided for building the stadia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Drug Abuse by Athletes

2268. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Olympic Association has announced appointment of a Commission to probe drug abuse scandal amongst athletes;

(b) if so, by when the Commission is likely to submit its report to Government;

(c) whether most of the Indian athletes are involved in drug abuse and dignity of the country has been lowered in the world; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information provided by IOA, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has appointed one man Medical Commission under Dr. Manmohan Singh, Member, Medical Commission, Olympic Council of Asia to look into the matter. The Commission was asked to submit its findings by 31st July, 2001.

(c) According to the information provided by IOA, except one weightlifter in 1990 Commonwealth Games, none of the Indian sports persons tested positive in any Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games.

(d) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has ordered the constitution